

**CITY OF GILBERT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Kutsi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Kutsi, Councilors Pontinen, Skalko & Liimatta.

Absent: Councilor Bol (w/notice)

Staff Present: City Attorney Michael Kearney, City Engineer Jamnick, Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

Mayor Kutsi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the agenda with the addition of 5E1 ó Proposal from Saginaw Power Automation & CW Technology Fire Wall Reconfiguration. All approved.

Public Input: None

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve December 7, 2015 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Minutes, December 8, 2015 Regular City Council Minutes and December 11, 2015 Special City Council Meeting Minutes. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the Easement for the Mesabi ATV Trail with ArcelorMittal as presented by the city attorney. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the 2016 liquor license application for Sailer & Lindholm LLC, DBA Wandering Pines Eatery Pub for Off-Sale, On-Sale and Sunday. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve selling the police vehicles, including the Blazer & bumper removed from new police truck, as well as the forfeiture vehicles all via an on-line auction site. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to recognize and write-off bad debts of \$15,544.00 in the Electric Fund, \$1,431.09 in the Water Fund, \$300.55 in the Sewer Fund and \$162.53 in the Garbage Fund for a total bad debt write-off of \$17,438.17. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to adopt Resolution 2015-25 in Support of Increasing Local Government Aid in the 2016 Legislative Session. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to adopt Resolution 2015-26 approving the 2016 Operating Budget for the Governmental Funds including the Library. Approved 3 ó 1.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to adopt Resolution 2015-27 Designating the General Fund Balance for 2016 Capital Improvements. Approved 3 ó 1.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to adopt Resolution 2015-28 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to Permanent Improvement Fund. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to accept the roster of Fire Department Officers as elected by the Fire Department on December 4, 2015. Approved.

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| Chief:           | Jeremy Skenzich                                 |
| Assistant Chief: | Marc Kwiatkowski                                |
| Captain:         | Mark Heitzman                                   |
| Safety Officer:  | Todd Devich                                     |
| Secretary:       | Dean Spragg                                     |
| Treasurer:       | David Marolt                                    |
| Trustees:        | Anthony Nemanick, Mike Thelen and Josh Erickson |

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the increase in pay for the Fire Chief from \$225 to \$275 per month. Approved 3 ó 1.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to look at temporarily closing the cliffs to jumping on Lake Ore-Be Gone. Liability is a huge issue. Signs will be posted, and it will be a trespassing violation. Approved.

Councilor Pontinen noted to the public that there will possibly be a Budget Committee meeting held on January 6, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. and anyone interested in joining the committee can attend.

Councilor Skalko noted that there will be a building inspection for the Food Shelf to see where they need to go as far as repairing the building or whatnot. He also thanked the VFW and Ridge Riders for the Christmas Party for the kids.

Mayor Kutsi noted that he attended a meeting in Virginia with President Obama's Chief of Staff and a lot of representatives as well as business representatives regarding the dire situation with the mining industry in northern Minnesota. He also thanked the First Responders, City Staff and Police Department for their good work.

Councilor Liimatta noted per Councilor Bol that there will be a Teen Dance held at the Virginia Miners Memorial Arena on January 2, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight, ages 13 ó 18.

City Engineer Jamnick stated that if the waste water study is done maybe they should explore an option of relocating the sewer plant to construct a brand new plant rather than re-construct at the existing location.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar

- There are major issues at the water plant.
  - ó Chlorine feed was having issues, but they now have it figured out.

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- Blower motor ó back wash filters. 1960s vintage. \$10,000 for a new blower motor, does not include install. Hope to have this new blower motor installed within the next couple of weeks, once ordered.
- Variables regarding conversion from lime, need to analyze if it will mix right in our accelerator. Our City Engineer will look into this.
- Computer systems not communicating between plants, keeps kicking out and shutting down. In-Control (an IT service) is not willing to come up for such small jobs.
- Saginaw Power & Automation Proposal. Steve Peterson explained the technical aspects and explained a proposal he requested to work with the Rockwell software.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve proposal from Saginaw Power & Automation in the amount not to exceed \$11,792.00. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to direct City Attorney to work with the City Clerk & Steve Peterson on a contract for IT services with Eveleth and East Range Police Departments. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve James Gargano as a rink attendant for the 2015-16 season. Approved.

Library Director Miller

- The Library will be closed December 24 & 25, 2015, December 31, 2015 and January 1, 2016.
- There will be movies for kids over Christmas vacation at 1:00 p.m. daily.
- January 4, 2016 ó MnSure Rep will be available for Q & A at 11:00 a.m.
- January 5, 2016 ó Pinterest Felting Project, available per the Legacy Program, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kutsi thanked Library Director Miller for pursuing the Legacy Programming.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to acknowledge the Library Board Minutes of November 2, 2015 and the EFGSD Joint Recreation Board Minutes of November 11, 2015. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Robert Kutsi, Mayor